

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all claims that are, or ever were, in the instant patent application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A conformable, multi-phasic implant for the repair and regeneration of tissue, said implant comprising a plastically deformable, tissue conductive matrix for tissue regeneration, said matrix comprising at least two phases, wherein at least a first phase of said matrix comprises a non-soluble fibrous material and at least a second phase comprises a flowable biocompatible polymer, said implant having a consistency of a putty or paste, and remaining at least somewhat compliant after implantation.
2. (Previously presented) The implant of claim 1, wherein the second phase is initially dry, and non-flowable, and said dry second phase becomes flowable following hydration.
3. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 1, wherein the second phase ~~is~~ comprises soluble collagen paste or gel.
4. (Original) The implant of claim 1, wherein the second phase degrades faster than the first phase.
5. (Original) The implant of claim 4, wherein the second phase acts as a delayed porosifying agent.
6. (Original) The implant of claim 1, wherein the first phase comprises biocompatible polymer fibers.

7. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 6, wherein the biocompatible polymer fibers ~~are~~ comprise collagen fibers.
8. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 7, wherein the collagen fibers ~~are composed~~ of comprise natural insoluble collagen.
9. (Original) The implant of claim 1, wherein the implant additionally comprises non-soluble chips or granules with said first phase being arranged to support non-soluble granules or chips.
10. (Original) The implant of claim 9, wherein the granules or chips are in the form of spheres.
11. (Original) The implant of claim 10, wherein the granules or chips are in the form of micro spheres.
12. (Original) The implant of claim 9, wherein the granules or chips are composed of ceramic.
13. (Original) The implant of claim 12, wherein the ceramic is a tricalcium phosphate.
14. (Original) The implant of claim 13, wherein the tricalcium phosphate is porous.
15. (Original) The implant of claim 9, wherein the granules or chips comprise bone.
16. (Original) The implant of claim 15, wherein the bone has been demineralized.
17. (Original) The implant of claim 1, wherein the matrix further comprises a biologically active or pharmaceutical agent.

18. (Original) The implant of claim 17, wherein the agent is added to the implant at, or immediately prior to placement of said implant into said tissue.
19. (Original) The implant of claim 18, wherein the agent is selected from one or more of the groups of biologically active agents, pharmaceuticals, or active ingredients.
20. (Original) The implant of claim 19, wherein the biologically active agent comprises cells.
21. (Original) The implant of claim 20, wherein the cells are in blood or bone marrow.
22. (Original) The implant of claim 9, wherein the granules or chips improve the mechanical, biological or resorption characteristics of said implant.
23. (Previously presented) The implant of claim 22, wherein said granules or chips make up between 10 percent and 90 percent of the implant by weight.
24. (Previously presented) The implant of claim 22, wherein said granules or chips make up between 70 percent and 90 percent of the implant by weight.
25. (Previously presented) The implant of claim 22, wherein said granules or chips make up between 75 percent and 85 percent of the implant by weight.
26. (Original) The implant of claim 1, wherein the ratio of the second phase to the first phase is in the range of about 1:20 to 10:1.
27. (Original) In combination with the implant of claim 1, a syringe, wherein the conformable, multi-phasic implant is arranged to be stored and delivered with said syringe.

28. (Original) In combination with the implant of claim 1, a syringe-like cylindrical housing, wherein the conformable, multi-phasic implant is arranged to be stored and delivered with said syringe-like cylindrical housing.
29. (Previously presented) In combination with the implant of claim 28, a laproscopic cannula or incision comprising a channel, wherein the cylindrical housing comprises a cross-sectional configuration which is arranged to permit sliding passage through the channel.
30. (Currently amended) A conformable, multi-phasic implant for the repair and regeneration of tissue, said implant comprising a plurality of components that resorb in stages wherein:
- a. At least a first component of said components is a non-soluble collagen fiber; and
 - b. At least a second component of said components is a flowable soluble collagen gel; wherein the implant is plastically deformable, tissue conductive, has a putty or paste consistency prior to implantation and retains at least some compliance following implantation, and further wherein the flowable collagen gel holds the collagen fibers together, providing a level of structural integrity to the implant.
31. (Original) The implant of claim 30, wherein the implant initially comprises non-soluble collagen which is in the form of a depot surrounded by lyophilized soluble collagen prior to implantation, wherein the lyophilized soluble collagen collapses into said flowable gel upon hydration.
32. (Original) The implant of claim 31, wherein said hydration occurs following implantation.
33. (Original) The implant of claim 31, wherein said hydration occurs prior to implantation.

34. (Currently amended) A conformable, multi-phasic implant for the repair and regeneration of tissue, said implant comprising components that resorb in stages wherein:

- a. At least a first of said components is a non-soluble ceramic granule;
- b. At least a second of said components is a non-soluble collagen fiber: and
- c. At least a third component is a flowable collagen gel;

wherein the collagen gel holds the granules and fibers together, providing a level of structural integrity to the implant, and further wherein said implant is plastically deformable, tissue conductive, has a putty or paste consistency prior to implantation and retains at least some compliance following implantation.

35 (Canceled).